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The Los Angeles Fire Department is one of the best in the country -- maybe the best in the world -- at its core mission of responding to emergencies and fighting fires.

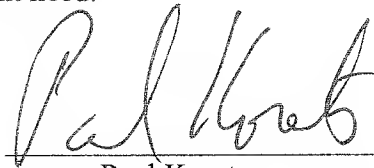
Still, LAFD needs 100% accurate data to be able to respond to emergencies appropriately. If the Department is going to make life and death decisions based on data analysis of call time, response time, travel time, etc., that information must be accurate.

In response to numerous reports of inaccurate data, LAFD announced with fanfare the hiring of data expert Jeffrey Godown just a few months ago. Now Mr. Godown has already announced that he is leaving. Pursuant to press reports, LAFD intends to fill Mr. Godown's role with in-house staff, but there has been no report that this in-house staff -- which may be expert at fire fighting -- is expert at data collection, data analysis and systems development and operations.

It is critical that the LAFD have appropriate staffing to perform this critical function. We need to restore complete faith in this important department.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LAFD report to the Personnel Committee within 14 days on its plans for staffing this critical function and whether its authorized staffing contains appropriate positions to address this important need.

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